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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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For: FILTERING SYSTEM FOR  
RUNOFF WATER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2 (the page headed "Summary of the Invention"), cancel lines 6 to 12 incl., and replace it with the following:

a, However, when the rate of flow of the runoff water exceeds the capacity of the filtering system it may follow a direct path from the inlet to an outlet. To carry out the foregoing, a tank receives the inlet water and feeds it to a reservoir which in turn feeds the water to the cylindrical filter cells. The water passing through the filter cells is received by a manifold which feeds the clean water to an outlet. However, when the runoff water has a high rate of flow the reservoir soon overflows and the excess water flows directly to an outlet.